

I oppose the proposal to remove cross-ownership restrictions for television and print news media.

Those of us who believe in the power of free markets to produce the best product believe that that power derives from competition in those markets. In recent years there has been a frighteningly rapid consolidation in news media. The proposal will only increase the rate of consolidation, stiffling what little competition remains in these markets.

With less competition, the public will have fewer and poorer quality sources of information we need to participate effectively in our democracy.